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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Vergil  
4 Kenneth Brown, Jr. of Chicago, who passed away on August 20,  
5 2011; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Brown, also known as V.K. or Ken, was born on  
7 November 7, 1927 in Chicago, the son of V.K. and Floy Brown;  
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9           WHEREAS, Until he found his life's calling, he had many  
10 great experiences, spending time as a taxi driver, in the  
11 United States Navy, and in the meat industry; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Brown ultimately found his passion for  
13 physics, teaching the subject for more than 25 years on  
14 Chicago's South Side at Bogan High School, Morgan Park High  
15 School, South Shore High School, and Lindblom Math and Science  
16 Academy (formerly known as Lindblom Technical High School),  
17 making the subject interesting for his students, inspiring  
18 them, and urging them to find their own enjoyment in the  
19 subject by saying "take physics, you'll feel better"; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Brown worked to make the world a better place  
21 by getting involved in civic issues and fighting for the rights

1 of his fellow educators and students of all ages; he helped to  
2 develop Chicago's magnet school system, served as the Chair of  
3 the Chicago Teachers Union Political Action Committee, and was  
4 a long-time editor for the Retired Teachers Association of  
5 Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown will be most remembered for his kind  
7 heart and wonderful sense of humor; and

8 WHEREAS, Vergil Kenneth Brown, Jr. is survived by his wife  
9 of 37 years, Elizabeth (Betty); his sons, Gil (Jane Park) and  
10 Steve (Takako Kato); his brother, Jim; his sister, Margaret;  
11 his grandchildren, Lindsay, Nina, and Ann; his sons' mother,  
12 Charlotte Shivers; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
16 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
17 Vergil Kenneth Brown, Jr.; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Vergil Kenneth Brown, Jr. as a  
20 symbol of our sincere sympathy.